



**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission
2019 Phoenix Awards**

DESCRIPTION

The Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission is seeking a Lawrence artist to develop, design, and fabricate innovative, original art for the 2019 Phoenix Award program.

BACKGROUND

The [Phoenix Awards](#), given annually by the [Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission](#), recognize outstanding artistic achievements in the Lawrence community—particularly those that go “above and beyond” and have a lasting impact on the Lawrence Cultural Community. Members of the public are invited to make nominations. Eligible nominees include emerging and established artists working in the visual, literary, musical, theatrical, and media arts. Arts educators, administrators, patrons, supportive entities, advocates, and volunteers are also eligible. Students are not eligible. At the discretion of the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission, a nominee may be chosen for a special Exceptional Artistic Achievement award.

BUDGET/COMMISSION

The all-inclusive Phoenix Award art project budget is \$2,500 and the selected artist will be required to create six awards—one for each awardee and one for display at the Lawrence Arts Center. Artwork for this project will be commissioned through the City of Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission. While creativity and innovation are encouraged, the awards must also be practically suitable for display and very well constructed to be able to survive handling and long-term display. ***Past awards are on view at the Lawrence Arts Center in the case next to the front desk.***

ELIGIBILITY

The opportunity to compete for this project is open to all artists residing in Lawrence.

The City of Lawrence does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability. Qualifications by City employees or their relatives, and members of the Artist Selection Panel or Cultural Arts Commission or their relatives will not be considered.



SELECTION PROCESS

The Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission will serve as the selection panel and may select a small group of finalists for interviews and to possibly develop proposals.

The criteria used by the Cultural Arts Commission will include:

- Artistic quality, innovation, and originality
- Excellence in craftsmanship and construction
- Concept that visually articulates the spirit of the Phoenix Awards

The City of Lawrence is not required to make selections from these submissions, if, in their opinion, qualifications are not appropriate.

SUBMISSIONS

Interested artists should enter and submit their application materials, listed below, [online](#) by midnight Central Time, October 8, 2018. Applications will include the following:

1. **A letter of interest**, up to 500 words, outlining your approach to art-making and insights regarding your interest in making art for this project; what you bring to the project as an artist; challenges and/or sources of inspiration presented by the project; what you would hope to gain from this experience; and any other comments that might help to differentiate you as a candidate for this opportunity. This is not a request for proposals but if you'd like to share your idea at this stage you may do so in the narrative of the letter or provide a concept sketch as a JPEG as one of your portfolio images.
2. **A professional resume/CV** as a PDF
3. **An annotated image list** of past works as a PDF that clearly indicates your name, the title, dimensions, materials, and date of work
4. **Up to 5 images of past work**
5. **A link to your website if applicable**
6. **Three professional references** with current contact information

For further information, contact Porter Arneill, parneill@lawrenceks.org or 785-832-3402

ANTICIPATED ART PROJECT SELECTION TIMELINE

Qualifications Due via online submission: October 8, 2018 by midnight

Cultural Arts Commission Review: October 10, 2018

Proposals Reviewed/Artist(s) Selected: October/November 2018

Awards Delivered: October 22, 2019

The Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission (LCAC) was established by the City of Lawrence in December 1973, as the Lawrence Arts Commission. It was charged "to promote, encourage, and coordinate the artistic and cultural activities of the community through recommendations made to the Governing Body of the City and through coordinating endeavors of those groups and organizations which identify themselves as primarily concerned with the artistic environment of Lawrence."